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SUBJECT:SURVEY OF NON-HUMAN PRIMATE POPULATIONS IN  
BANGLADESH

REF: (A) DACCA 0681, (B) STATE 022575

1. NIH PLEASED TO NOTE AGREEMENT ON MOST OF THE POINTS IN THE SURVEY PROPOSAL AS OUTLINED IN REFTELS. PLEASE EXPLAIN TO FF&L THAT BEST WAY TO ESTABLISH TERMS FOR SURVEY IS BY FF&L CONCURRENCE WITH PROVISIONS OF CONTRACT WITH JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY. ACCORDINGLY, NIH NEEDS ONLY TO RECEIVE EMBASSY'S MESSAGE CONFIRMING TWO POINTS, PARAGRAPH 2, REFTEL B.

2. BASED ON INDICATIONS FROM FF&L AS CONTAINED IN REFTEL  
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A, NIH PREPARED TO AMEND ITS CONTRACT WITH HOPKINS AS  
FOLLOWS.

A. UNDER DEFINITIONS AND ELSEWHERE IN THE CONTRACT TEXT,  
QUOTE INSTITUTE UNQUOTE SHOULD BE CHANGED TO QUOTE  
CONTRACTOR UNQUOTE. CONTRACTOR SHALL MEAN THE ORGANIZATION  
DESIGNATED BY NIH TO CARRY OUT THE PROPOSED SURVEY. THE

ORGANIZATION DESIGNATED IS JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY.

B. UNDER SCOPE OF SERVICES, PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 (SURVEYS AND PHASES), SUBSTITUTE THE FIRST PARAGRAPH UNDER ITEM 5 OF REFTEL B WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

THE QUOTE NORTHERN PART OF THE CHITTAGONG HILL TRACTS UNQUOTE WILL BE CHANGED TO QUOTE CHITTAGONG HILL TRACTS (KASSALUNG FOREST ONLY) UNQUOTE. QUOTE COX'S BAZAAR UNQUOTE WILL BE DELETED WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IT IS INCLUDED UNDER QUOTE CHITTAGONG UNQUOTE AND QUOTE SUNDARBANS UNQUOTE WILL BE DELETED WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IT IS INCLUDED UNDER QUOTE KHULNA UNQUOTE. THE REVISED SENTENCE DEALING WITH WHERE THE PROPOSED SURVEY IS TO BE CARRIED OUT WILL READ: QUOTE THE SURVEY WILL ENCOMPASS FOREST AREAS IN THE DISTRICT OF MYMENSINGH, SYLHET, CHITTAGONG, KHULNA, AND CHITTAGONG HILL TRACTS (KASSALUNG FOREST ONLY). THE SURVEY WILL ALSO INCLUDE AREAS OUTSIDE THE FORESTS WHERE NONHUMAN PRIMATES DAMAGE AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL CROPS. UNQUOTE.

C. UNDER SCOPE OF SERVICES, PARAGRAPH 3 (TRAINING), SUBSTITUTE SECOND PARAGRAPH UNDER ITEM 5 OF REFTEL B WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

CHANGE QUOTE FOUR BANGLADESHI FOREST RANGERS... UNQUOTE TO READ QUOTE TWO....UNQUOTE (COMMENT: NIH CONSIDERS IT IMPORTANT THAT THE CONCEPT OF SENIOR RESEARCH OFFICER OR EQUIVALENT POSITION BE RETAINED TO ASSURE SATISFACTORY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONTINUATION OF A SURVEY PROGRAM AFTER COMPLETION OF THE INITIAL SURVEY. THE CONTRACTOR WAS SKEPTICAL ABOUT THE NEED FOR 6 ARMED GUARDS IN THE SUNDARBANS SINCE THE HAZARD FROM TIGERS WAS CONSIDERED TO BE MINIMAL AND TRANSPORTATION CAPABILITY LIMITED. NEVERTHELESS, THEY CONSIDER THIS OPTION WORTHWHILE SHOULD THE GUARDS BECOME NECESSARY.)

D. UNDER SCOPE OF SERVICES, PARAGRAPH 4 (PERSONNEL), ACCEPT AS WRITTEN WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

I. AN FF&L SENIOR RESEARCH OFFICER OR CANDIDATE SHOULD BE INCLUDED ON THE SURVEY TEAM.

II. NO MORE THAN 3 VEHICLE DRIVERS AND 3 LABORERS WILL BE REQUIRED ON THE SURVEY TEAM.

III. SPEED BOAT DRIVERS AND BOATMEN WILL NOT BE REQUIRED.

E. UNDER SCOPE OF SERVICES, PARAGRAPH 5 (TRANSPORTATION),

ACCEPT LANGUAGE OF FF&L WITHOUT CHANGE.

F. UNDER SCOPE OF SERVICES, PARAGRAPH 6 (PROCUREMENT OF EQUIPMENT), ACCEPT AS WRITTEN WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

I. EQUIPMENT SHALL INCLUDE UP TO 3 VEHICLES, 1 INFLATABLE BOAT WITH APPROPRIATE ENGINE, AND OTHER NECESSARY ITEMS SUCH AS BINOCULARS, REFERENCE TEXTS, HAND COUNTERS, SPARE PARTS, CAMPING EQUIPMENT, TOOLS, AND OFFICE OR COMPUTATIONAL INSTRUMENTS.

II. EQUIPMENT EXCLUSIVE OF DECLARED PERSONAL PROPERTY WILL BE DISPOSED OF AT THE COMPLETION OF THE SURVEY AT THE DISCRETION OF NIH IN ACCORDANCE WITH PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE REGULATIONS. (COMMENT: ON THE BASIS OF PRECEDENT, IT MAY BE EXPECTED THAT TITLE TO THIS PROPERTY WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE GOVERNMENT FREE OF LIABILITY UPON COMPLETION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF THE SURVEY.)

G. UNDER SCOPE OF SERVICES, PARAGRAPH 7 (REPORTS), ACCEPT AS WRITTEN.

H. UNDER SCOPE OF SERVICES, PARAGRAPH 8 (OPERATIONAL SCHEDULE), SHOULD BE REVISED IN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE FACT THAT IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO BEGIN PHASE 1 OF THE SURVEY PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF THE 1977 RAINY SEASON. THE CONTRACTOR FEELS THAT BEGINNING AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE PRIOR TO 15 APRIL WOULD PERMIT COMPLETION OF PHASE 1. THE FOLLOWING REVISION AS PRESENTED IN REFTTEL B IS PROPOSED:

THE CONTRACTOR WILL BEGIN THE FIRST PHASE OF THE SURVEY NO LATER THAN 30 DAYS FOLLOWING THE TIME THE FF&L APPROVE THE SURVEY PLAN UNLESS THE ANTICIPATED COMMENCEMENT OF THE RAINY SEASON PRECLUDES COMPLETION OF THE PRELIMINARY SURVEY. THE SECOND PHASE WILL BEGIN NO LATER THAN 15 NOVEMBER 1977, AND BE COMPLETED NO LATER THAN 1 APRIL 1978. SHOULD THE ONSET OF THE RAINY SEASON PRECLUDE COMPLETION OF THE PRELIMINARY SURVEY BY 1 JUNE 1977, THE SURVEY MAY BE EXTENDED UP TO ONE YEAR (1 APRIL 1979).

I. UNDER SCOPE OF SERVICES, PARAGRAPH 9 (SURVEY MANUAL), ACCEPT AS WRITTEN.

J. UNDER OBLIGATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT, PARAGRAPH 1 (PERSONNEL), ACCEPT AS WRITTEN EXCEPT FOR THE ADDITION OF A SENIOR RESEARCH OFFICER, PROVIDED HE IS ALREADY AN FF&L EMPLOYEE. FOR REASONS ALREADY STATED, IT IS NOT CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL THAT THE GOVERNMENT BE HELD TO PRO-

VIDING 6 ARMED GUARDS FOR WORK CONDUCTED IN THE SUNDARBANS.

K. UNDER OBLIGATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT, PARAGRAPHS 2, 3,  
4, 5, 6, 7, 8 ARE ALL ACCEPTABLE AS WRITTEN.

3. COMPLETION OF THE SURVEY CONTRACT WITH HOPKINS PRE-  
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SENTLY AWAITS ONLY ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROVISIONS DESCRIBED  
ABOVE BY FF&L. FOLLOWING SUCH ACCEPTANCE CONTRACT AWARD  
CAN BE MADE WITHIN 14 DAYS AND THE PRELIMINARY PHASE OF  
THE SURVEY BEGUN WITHIN 30 DAYS.

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